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**Steubenville Resident Sentenced  
To 27 Years Imprisonment**

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 25 year old Steubenville, Ohio, resident was sentenced on April 16, 2007, in United States District Court in Wheeling by Judge Frederick P. Stamp, Jr.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that RICARDO M. SUGGS, JR. was sentenced to 324 months imprisonment to be followed by three years supervised release, after being convicted at trials in November 2006 and January 2007.

SUGGS was convicted in November 2006 of being a felon in possession of two loaded pistols in his vehicle while in the Weirton area. As a convicted felon, SUGGS was not permitted to possess firearms under federal law.

SUGGS was also convicted in January 2007 of attempting to kill a Steubenville, Ohio, resident by shooting him in his home the night of July 21, 2006, to prevent his attendance and testimony at a jury trial in the matter of United States v. Ricardo M. Suggs; and using physical force and threat of physical force against the Steubenville resident and his mother also on the night of July 21, 2006, with the intent to influence, delay, and prevent his testimony at a jury trial in the matter of United States v. Ricardo M. Suggs.

SUGGS is in federal custody.

The case was prosecuted under the Project Safe Homes Initiative by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives; Weirton Police Department; and the Steubenville Police Department.